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**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS**

**FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

SIMON KARAPETYAN,

Petitioner,

v.

ALBERTO R. GONZALES, Attorney  
General,

Respondent.

No. 03-73379

Agency No. A79-561-506

MEMORANDUM<sup>\*</sup>

On Petition for Review of an Order of the  
Board of Immigration Appeals

Submitted March 8, 2006<sup>\*\*</sup>

Before: CANBY, BEEZER and KOZINSKI, Circuit Judges.

Simon Karapetyan, a native of Russia and citizen of Armenia, petitions pro se for review of the Board of Immigration Appeals' ("BIA") order summarily

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<sup>\*</sup> This disposition is not appropriate for publication and may not be cited to or by the courts of this circuit except as provided by Ninth Circuit Rule 36-3.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

affirming an immigration judge's ("IJ") order denying his application for asylum, withholding of removal, and relief under the Convention Against Torture. We have jurisdiction pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1252. We review for substantial evidence, *Malhi v. INS*, 336 F.3d 989, 992 (9th Cir. 2003), and deny the petition for review.

Substantial evidence supports the IJ's finding that there was no showing of persecution on account of a protected ground. *See* 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(42)(A).

The government's request for additional briefing is denied as moot.

**PETITION FOR REVIEW DENIED.**